

March 2, 2021

Honorable Marvin Abney Chairperson, House Committee on Finance Rhode Island State House 82 Smith Street Providence, RI 02903

RE: Testimony on H.5231– Relating to Business Corporations

Dear Chairperson Abney,

The Rhode Island Society of CPAs would like to express our support for H.5231 – Relating to Business Corporations

We believe it is important to allow pass-through entities operating in the State of Rhode Island to be able to deduct state and local taxes for individuals on their federal tax returns by having the pass-through entity pay the tax. The IRS has issued a formal notification allowing the modification for State and local taxes. The purpose of this legislation is to allow a technical correction from legislation previously enacted in the General Assembly.

It is our understanding the legislation is revenue neutral to the State of Rhode Island. Thank you for your consideration on this matter and your leadership during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

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